



## MAHUA KOTHI

BANDHAVGARH NATIONAL PARK



### OVERVIEW

Bandhavgarh National Park is a 448 km renowned tiger reserve. Nestled among the picturesque Vindhya Hills and lush tropical forests, it is one of India's most scenic national parks. With its sal trees, grasslands, large variety of animals and birds, and one of the highest densities of tigers in India, Bandhavgarh is a truly extraordinary park.





#### UNIQUE SELLING POINTS

- Bandhavgarh supports one of the highest densities of tigers in India
- Twice daily jungle safaris
- andBEYOND trained naturalists
- Taj trained hospitality staff
- Elephant safaris (subject to availability)
- Guided nature walks
- Cultural walks and cycling through a traditional village
- Birdwatcher's paradise
- Intimate lodge with just 12 suites.

#### THE LODGE

The name Mahua Kothi draws its inspiration from one of India's most beautiful trees, the Madhuca Indica, or as it is commonly known, the Mahua or butter tree. The twelve charming suites or Kutiyas (jungle village huts) are newly built in the 40 acre grounds of the renowned tented camp formerly known as Churhat Kothi. The original Kothi (homestead) comprising the guest areas remain and has been extensively renovated, but the guest accommodation is all brand new.

#### GUEST ACCOMODATION

- Charming individual Kutiyas built in the vernacular style of Central India
- Each is accessed through private courtyards with shaded seating and traditional mud floors
- Wooden shutters, tapered mud coloured walls (finished by hand) in lime and earth washes, open rafters with roughly hewn wooden beams, handmade pottery roof tiles, floors dressed in katni stone strips set in lime mortar
- Stylish ensuite bathrooms and house gowns in traditional local cloth
- Richly coloured local textiles in shades of rust and burnt orange
- Roll-down mats to keep the early morning sun out
- Ceiling fans and air conditioning
- Built-in seating in yellow situ (local cement screed)
- Yoga amenities in a bag (complete with instructions)
- Traditional Indian games of marbles and Chaupad
- Hand blended natural guest amenities
- In-room Ayurvedic massage
- Rose and Khus (Verbena) sherbets and pitchers of iced water for guests to mix themselves
- Beautiful terracotta roof that floats over the Kutiya – MP style

#### GUEST AREAS

- Beautiful swimming pool
- Baghiya (traditional garden)
- Interactive kitchen
- Safari Shop

#### DINING

- Picnic lunches under the Mahua tree
- Chowki roof dinners under a star strewn sky
- Watch Baiga dancers at the chaupal
- Discover fresh lime, exquisite teas, fine Indian wines and icy cocktails made from the flowers of the Mahua tree.

#### SAFARIS

- Discover the beautiful jungle of Bandhavgarh National Park
- Learn about the rich biodiversity of Central India from an andBEYOND trained naturalist
- Travel in comfort in a specially designed Tata open 4x4 safari vehicle
- View tigers whilst riding an elephant
- Twice daily safaris in the reserve
- Tick off Bandhavgarh's ten Star Birds (a unique Taj & andBEYOND programme)
- Absorb the sights and sounds as you walk through a traditional MP village.
- Elephant Back safari (subject to availability)

#### BANDHAVGARH NATIONAL PARK

The dramatic landscape nestled amongst the Vindhya and Satpura ranges, features tropical forests and woodlands, and steep rocky hills with flat grasslands in the valleys below. An ancient 1000 year old fort, reclining statue of Lord Vishnu, and the dense Sal jungle combined with the grasslands make Bandhavgarh one of the most beautiful parks in India.

#### FLORA

Bandhavgarh has a large variety of tree cover and excellent tree and foliage concentration. Approximately half the park is covered with fine trees, while mixed forests are found in the higher reaches of the hills. In the slightly higher elevations, there is a more mixed vegetation of sali, saj, saja and dhobin etc. Beautiful stretches of bamboo and grasslands extend to the north. The main wildlife viewing takes place in the core of the park with its picturesque, wooded hills.



## FAUNA

Bandhavgarh supports one of the highest densities of tigers in India. Its hilly open terrain includes many large grassland meadows that offer good chances of tiger sightings. The density of its big cat population has made Bandhavgarh world famous. The park is also blessed with a large variety of mammals: leopard, chital (spotted deer), sambar deer, dhole, nilgai, wild boar, chinkara, sloth bear, rhesus macaque, black faced langaur, jungle cat, hyena, porcupine, jackal, fox and wild dog.

## ACCESS

Mahua Kothi is conveniently situated near major airports: Khajuraho (230 km) and Jabalpur (190 km), as well as Kanha tiger reserve (230 km).

From Delhi:

Fly to Khajuraho; the drive to the lodge is approximately 6 hours – 230 kms

Fly to Gwalior; Gwalior to Umaria by train (approximately 12 hrs) and the drive from Umaria is approximately 40 minutes – 30 kms. Or Gwalior to Katni by train (approximately 10 hours) and the drive from Katni to the lodge is approximately 2.5 hrs – 75 kms.

Fly to Jabalpur; the drive from Jabalpur to the lodge is approximately 4 hours – 190 kms.

From Mumbai:

Fly to Bhopal; connecting flight from Bhopal to Jabalpur and the drive from Jabalpur to the lodge is approximately 4 hours – 190 kms.

## Pick-Ups and Transfers

Skilled drivers in air conditioned luxury 4x4 sedans will transfer guests from the closest airports and railway stations. Please note all road transfers are to be booked by your preferred Indian ground handler.

## CONSERVATION

Mahua Kothi conducts conservation lessons for school children from the surrounding community. The focus is on teaching the children the importance of conserving the jungle for future generations and how responsible travel can make a small but meaningful difference.

## POWERFLY

Powerfly combines the aircraft, aviation and hospitality expertise of Taj Air and Business Jets to provide flexible options through which our customers can access jets, turboprops and helicopters from any part of the country to reach our wilderness lodges. Our aircraft bases are at Bangalore, Bhubaneswar, Delhi, Jammu, Kolkata and Mumbai.

Powerfly Fleet: Jets – Citation CJ 2, Hawker 850XP, Falcon 2000. Turboprop – Pilatus PC-12, Kingair B200, P180 Avanti II and Helicopters – Bell 206, Bell 407, AS 350 B3, AS 355 F1 and Bell 230

## SAFETY AND SECURITY

- At the Lodge: pathways are lit to guide guests to their rooms, along with a security escort; intercoms are used for emergencies
- In the Park: naturalists are trained in animal behaviour, first aid and outdoor emergencies
- Doctor is available on call.

## MAHUA KOTHI AT A GLANCE

Weather: Tropical – hot during the day. Summer (April-June). Rainfall: Heavy in the monsoon season (mid June to September) and average rainfall is 1100 mm.

Best Time to Travel: October to June when game viewing is at its best.

Malaria: Though Mahua Kothi is situated in a low risk malaria area, necessary precautions should be taken. Insect repellent will be provided in your suite.

Lodge Closure: 1st July to 15th October



Number of suites	12	Personal bars	Yes
maximum Guests	24	Intercom	Yes
Children	Yes	Hairdryers	Yes
Triples	1( one per night in camp)	Laundry included	Yes
Twin beds	All convertible to double (mattress only)	Suitable for disabled guests	Yes with assistance
Air Conditioning	Yes	Distance between rooms	10m
Ceiling fans	Yes	Check-in	12h00
Swimming Pool	Yes	Check-out	13h00
Bath	Yes	Power	DG Backup 220 AC
Indoor Showers	Yes	Private 4x4 Safari Vehicle	Available at extra cost
Private wc	Yes	Childminding	Yes
In room safe	Yes	Credit cards	Visa, MasterCard, Amex



### Drive time to the lodges

**Baghvan, Pench National Park**  
2hrs. drive from Nagpur

**Banjaar Tola, Kanha National Park**  
4hrs. drive from Jabalpur  
4hrs. drive from Raipur

**Mahu Kothi Bandhavgarh National Park**  
4hrs. drive from Jabalpur  
5hrs. drive from Khajuraho

**Pashan Garh, Panna National Park**  
45 mins. drive from Khajuraho

